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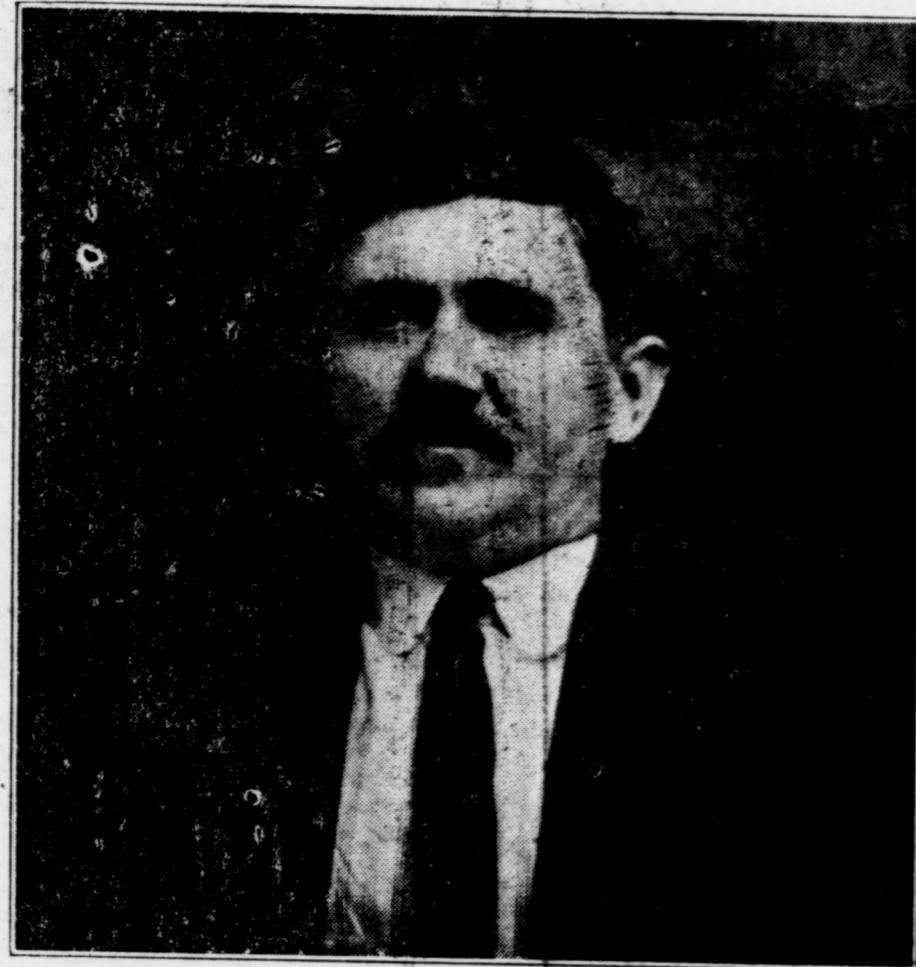
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FOR JAILER



FRANK MULLINS. PICTURE IS DARK

TO THE REPUBLICANS OF ROCKCASTLE COUNTY:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Jailer of Rockcastle county subject to the action of the Republican party as expressed at the poles August 4th, 1917. In doing this I feel that I am deserving or I would not ask it. I have always worked and voted for the Republican party and never before asked for a county office or any other office. If the party sees fit to nominate and elect me I will strive my utmost to make a Jailer that will do honor to myself and be a credit to the county. I feel that I personally know almost every voter of the county and hope to meet as many as possible before the primary. But should I not by chance see some, I hope that you will give me the same due consideration as though I had seen you personally. I have been an active candidate for about two months and what I have gathered in that time gives me faith in my candidacy and the assurance my nomination is certain. I have no stone to throw at any one that might see cause to oppose me in this race, but on the other hand have that kindly feeling that should exist between political opponents, especially those of the same political faith. I know this to be a free country and we are all seeking the same goal. Trusting I may meet as many of the voters as possible and that my efforts may be crowned with success I am,

Respect your friend,

FRANK MULLINS.

MAGISTRATE SOWDER'S REPLY.

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF ROCKCASTLE COUNTY:

In my announcement for re election to the office of Justice of the Peace in Magisterial District No. 1, I made the statement that in my fight in the interest of the taxpayers, to keep down extravagance in the administration of the affairs of the county, I have stood alone; that I was not responsible for the present high tax rate, nor the present indebtedness of the county which runs into the thousands of dollars. To this statement the County Judge, G. M. Ballard, and Justices of the Peace Sherman Chasteen, J. L. Arnold, Lewis McGuire and W. M. Hurst take exceptions and in the Mt. Vernon Signal of February 23, they have attempted to answer, which they fail to do, but in substance admit the charge, and as they constitute the balance of the Fiscal Court, from their acts the taxpayers can draw no other conclusion than that I have stood alone and that I am yet standing alone, as they are standing together in this written statement and as they have stood together in squandering the hard-earned money of the taxpayers of this county.

The County Judge and his associates in their feeble attempt to answer my article, undertook to belittle my announcement, but made no attempt to answer it, with no explanation nor figures to disprove any statement made by me. They refer to a trip that I made with the County Road Engineer to Terre Haute. I made the trip in good faith and it did not cost the county one cent. I made it on the invitation of the company that wanted to sell the county some supplies; also on the invitation of the Road Engineer, who told me that the company had advanced the money not only to pay his expenses, but the expenses of all the Fiscal Court, and I am reliably informed that the County Judge and others of the Fiscal Court agreed to make the trip, and when I started I believed that all the members of the Fiscal Court would be there. The trouble that grew out of this trip was between the company and County Road Engineer Marler and was no expense, whatever, to the county, and has nothing whatever to do with the present financial conditions of the county.

The Taxpayers of this county are interested in knowing the exact amount of the present indebtedness and who is responsible for it, and when they get this information they will then know what to do. When the present County Judge, together with the members of the Fiscal Court, went into office on January 1, 1914, we found a surplus of \$2,311.03 in the treasury. The affairs of the county were so managed by the County Judge that at the end of the first year we had a deficit, as shown by Order Book No. 2, page 27, of \$2,757.98, and at the end of 1915 a deficit of \$5,548.64 as shown in Order Book No. 2, page 93. The Sheriff's settlement for 1916 is now being made by the Commissioner and when it and the Treasurer's settlement are filed, which will be done some time in April, the exact indebtedness of the county can be ascertained, because the Treasurer's settlement will show the vouchers he has paid and the Clerk's record will show the vouchers issued and by whom.

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SPIRO

Sunday School is progressing nicely with W. H. Owens, Superintendent.—Mr. F. F. Hensley bought a nice heifer from Sam Lewis for \$40.—Born; to the wife of Jim McKinney a fine boy on the 15th. It was named Arthur Joplin.—Misses Addie and Ethel Hilton were guests of Misses Byrda and McVern Hensley Sunday.—Mrs. John Dillingham and Miss Lola Owens were in Berea from Sunday until Monday to see Mrs. Mrs. Dillingham's daughter, Lora, who underwent an operation for appendicitis. She is reported convalescent.—Mr. J. S. Helton was in Livingston between trains.—F. F. Hensley and Salie Norton were in the Pongo section the last of the week buying hogs.—J. W. Helton has had great success trapping; he caught a large chicken hawk Sunday.—Miss May Hensley spent Saturday night with Miss Lizzie Cress.—Will Price has moved into the house recently vacated by Mat Brown.—Nash Helton was visiting relatives near Brodhead from Friday until Sunday.—Miss Bertha Mink is very sick at this writing.—Mrs. Amelia Brown, who has been sick so long, is some better at present.—Mrs. W. H. Owens was in Mt. Vernon Saturday.—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Helton were called to the bedside of their little grand child, who died Thursday at six o'clock.—Nelse Griffin was in Livingston Monday on business.—Mrs. John Sowder visited her mother from Friday until Monday.—Mrs. Angeline Bussel is better at present.

THREE AMERICAN SHIPS ATTACKED AND SUNK

Washington Officials, Upon Receiving Latest Reports, Admit That State of War With Germany Virtually Exists

IMMEDIATE ACTION BY U. S. MIGHT COME.

Congress May Be Called To Assemble To Give President the Authority To Act—Warships May Be Sent To Seek U-Boats and Clear Transatlantic Lanes—Two Vessels, in Ballast, Sent Down With Complete Disregard For Men On Board—"Overt Act" Has Been Committed, Officials Believe

London.—The sinking of three American steamships, the City of Memphis, the Illinois and the Vigilance has just been announced here.

Two of the vessels, the City of Memphis and the Illinois, were in ballast, having deposited their cargoes at European ports and started on their return voyages.

The Vigilance was bound for Havre. She was torpedoed without warning, and the City of Memphis was torpedoed after the crew had been given a few minutes to leave the ship.

The crew of the Illinois was saved, but members of the crews of both the Vigilance and the City of Memphis, most of them Americans, are missing.

The Illinois was on her way from London to Port Arthur, Texas. She normally carried a crew of 35 men. Her home port was New York. She was built in 1913 at Newport News, Va., was of 5,225 gross tonnage and 390 feet long.

The captain, first and second mates, first, second and third engineers and 23 men of the crew of the Vigilance have been landed at the Scilly Islands. The fourth engineer and 13 men are missing.

The normal crew of the Vigilance was 44. She left New York for the Azores and Havre February 28. The present owners are Walker, Armstrong & Co., of Savannah, Ga., who bought her from the Ward Line two years ago.

During the Spanish-American war the Vigilance was used as a transport for United States troops, operating between San Francisco and Manila. She was one of the fastest of the transport fleet.

The Vigilance was built at Chester, Pa., in 1890. She was 321 feet long, 45 feet beam and had a draft of 26 feet. She was 4,115 tons.

When she left port the City of Memphis had the Stars and Stripes painted on both sides. She encountered a submarine and the commander of the latter ordered the captain of the steamer to leave his ship within 15 minutes.

The entire crew entered five boats and the submarine then fired a torpedo, which struck the vessel on the starboard side, tearing a great hole, through which the sea poured. The steamer settled down quickly and foundered within a few minutes.

Washington, D. C.—With the announcement of the ruthless destruction of three unarmed American merchant ships by submarines, it was unofficially admitted here that virtually a state of war exists between the United States and Germany.

Technically the United States remains in a position of armed neutrality. Whether this shall be changed before April 16, the date fixed for a special session of Congress, the war-making branch of the Government, President Wilson has not decided.

One step the President is contemplating is a call for an immediate session of Congress to hear an address asking for authority to adopt aggressive measures against the submarine menace. As American ships already are being armed to defend themselves, the next move must be to send warships with orders to seek out submarines and clear the transatlantic lanes.

Some of the highest officials of the Government hold that the Executive has the power to declare that a state of war exists and to proceed with aggressive protective steps pending the assembling of Congress. There is no indication, however, that the President will follow that course.

Of the three ships destroyed, two of them were unloaded and homeward bound, and all were American built, American owned and officered and manned largely by American citizens. Meager dispatches indicate that all were sunk with complete disregard for the safety of those on board, and that some of the members of the crews may have been lost.

Late developments brought the Government face to face with the problem of formulating a definite policy for the nation in case the United States actually enters the war. This possibility was mentioned by the President in his inaugural address March 5.

All of the conditions outlined by the President in his message announcing

the diplomatic break with Germany as leading to a state of armed neutrality have now been fulfilled. The "overt act" described by him then has actually come; in fact it had not been committed when the President went before Congress again. Since then he has established a state of armed neutrality without the specific authority of Congress.

Official reports were received from Consul Frost, at Queenstown, and Consul General Skinner, at London, telling of the sinking of the City of Memphis, the Vigilance and the Illinois. These dispatches confirmed press reports, but added few details.

International lawyers and constitutional experts here showed no hesitancy in saying that President Wilson has full authority to interpret this as an act of war, and announce that this country considers that an actual state of war exists by reason of Germany's flagrant assault on American shipping. Such action would be subject to the approval of Congress.

Despite the unwarmed sinking of the big passenger liners like the California and the Laconia, the jeopardizing of Americans on nearly a score of other vessels, and the sinking of three other American ships—the Housatonic, the Lyman M. Law and the Algonquin—some officials, inspired by the President's announced reluctance to believe that Germany would carry through her threat, have clung desperately to the hope that some slight respect for international law might still be shown.

German sea warfare may fairly be stated, however, to have surpassed even the most pessimistic forecasts here. That she actually means to send every vessel to the bottom that dares to venture within her forbidden zones is now accepted as a fact. Neutral, passenger and Belgian, relief appear to be all in the same category.

THIRTY-FIVE BROUGHT DOWN

French Captain Mentioned For Destruction of German Craft—Berlin Announces Progress.

Paris.—Capt. Guynemer, famous French aviator, has just brought down his thirty-fifth airplane, the following official account of aerial activities being issued:

"Capt. Guynemer brought down his thirty-fifth enemy machine and Capt. Doumer his sixth. The other enemy machines, attacked by our pilots, fell to the earth, one north of Derny-en-Laonnois, the other east of Roye. According to information which is at hand, in addition to the nine German airplanes which we report had been brought down by us on March 16, a tenth fell near Chavonne."

Berlin.—The battle that is in progress for mastery of the air along the France-Belgian front is being carried on with great intensity, and the war Office reports 22 airplanes were destroyed by the Germans.

COAST VILLAGES ATTACKED

Kentish Coast Is Scene of Firing By German Torpedo Boats and Destroyers.

London.—German torpedo boats and destroyers shelled towns along the Kentish coast, but did little damage, according to an official statement just issued. The text reads:

"Some enemy torpedo boats and destroyers approached the Kentish coast Sunday morning. They fired a number of shells at certain coast towns. There were no casualties."

LIVES OF EMPLOYEES LOST

Hundreds of Workmen Perish When Munition Plant at Cologne Is Blown Up.

Copenhagen.—A large munition plant at Cologne was blown up last week, according to information received from German sources by a newspaper at Kolding, near the frontier. Several hundred workmen are reported to have perished.

GRAND DUKE MICHAEL



Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich, accepting the throne from his brother, declared that he does so only with the consent of the Russian people, who should, by a plebiscite, establish a new form of government and new fundamental laws.

GROSS TONNAGE OF 781,500 DESTROYED BY SUBMARINES IN FEBRUARY.

Berlin.—Merchant ships of an aggregate gross tonnage of 781,500 were destroyed in February as a result of war measures of the Central Powers, the Admiralty announced.

The statement follows:

"In February 368 merchant ships of an aggregate gross tonnage of 781,500 were lost by the war measures of the Central Powers. Among them were 292 hostile ships, with an aggregate gross tonnage of 644,000, and 76 neutral ships of an aggregate gross tonnage of 137,500.

"Among the neutral ships 61 were sunk by submarines, which is 16.5 per cent of the total in February, as compared with 29 per cent, the average of neutral losses in the last four months."

There is a wide disparity between the official German figures of the destruction of shipping in February, the first month of unrestricted submarine warfare, and the figures given out in England. It was said authoritatively in London on March 3 that in February German submarines sent to the bottom in round numbers 490,000 tons of shipping. No mention was made of ships destroyed by mines.

NEW RUSSIAN REGIME WILL CONTINUE FIGHT

FORMER EMPEROR NICHOLAS LEAVES CAPITAL WITH ASSOCIATES FOR HIS ESTATE.

Prof. Milukoff, New Leader, Assumes Duties—Confers With Diplomats of Other Nations.

Petrograd, via London.—Nicholas Romanoff, as the former Emperor now is designated, has left with his staff for his personal estates at Livadia, on the south coast of the Crimea.

Petrograd, via London.—With the final cementing of the elements concerned in the construction of the new government upon the ruins of the old, the new Cabinet Ministers, relieved of the heavy grind of the endless conferences of the last few days, in which they suffered many anxious hours, have assumed the posts to which they were assigned. Prof. Paul N. Milukoff at the foreign office received the diplomatic representatives of the Entente allies, after which he entered upon a long cabinet conference.

One of the first acts of the minister was to send a series of cable messages to the Russian diplomats abroad to the effect that Russia was united in the desire to fight out the war with the allies, the determination to continue the conflict until the victory is achieved being stronger than ever.

The armies in the field have advised that the abdication of the Emperor has been enthusiastically acquiesced in, according to a foreign office official. Telegrams from virtually all the commanders have been received, assuring the support of the government guaranteed in advance by General Michael Alexieff, chief of staff.

CABINET MEMBER RESIGNS

General Lyautey, French Minister of War, Became Famous While in Morocco.

Paris.—General Hubert Gonzalve Lyautey, Minister of War in the French Cabinet, has resigned as the result of incidents in the Chamber of Deputies.

General Lyautey gained fame for his operations against the Moroccans. He was the Resident French Governor in Morocco for a number of years.

REPUBLIC TO BE FORM IN RUSSIA

ROMANOFF DYNASTY COMES TO AN END—CLAIM TO THRONE IS RELINQUISHED BY CZAR.

RESTORE ORDER AT PETROGRAD

Business of Every Sort Again Set in Motion—Absolute Freedom of Speech and Press, and Amnesty for Political Victims Now Assured.

Petrograd, via London.—Emperor Nicholas has abdicated on behalf of himself and the heir apparent, Grand Duke Alexis, in favor of Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich. A few hours later Grand Duke Michael himself abdicated, thus bringing the Romanoff Dynasty to an end.

The Government, pending a meeting of a Constitutional Assembly, is vested in the Executive Committee of the Duma and the newly-chosen Council of Ministers.

A manifesto to this effect was then issued by the Duma Committee. It was telegraphed to the general army headquarters.

Copenhagen.—Before abdicating the Czar named Grand Duke Nicholas as Supreme Commander of the army. The Dagens Nyheder states that Russian officials and officers incline to believe that the Grand Duke Nicholas has the confidence of the revolutionists and that he will hold the dictatorial authority over the army until conditions are settled.

Petrograd.—Russia appears to be in a fair way toward solving the greatest problem with which, perhaps, any nation was ever confronted. Order is growing with incredible rapidity out of the chaos of the last week, and the new Government, gathering up the broken threads of national and municipal life, is striving to set the organization of the country in motion so that the conduct of the war will suffer as little as possible from the revolution.

The members of the new Ministry already have assumed their posts and the Government buildings, empty and deserted for four days, are again open for official business. The banks, all the commercial and financial houses and some of the factories have already responded to the new Government's appeal, opened their doors and expressed a willingness to do everything in their power to effect as quick a recovery as possible from the paralysis of the last week. The soldier-police-men are guarding the streets in place of the old gendarmes.

Hundreds of messages have been received from all over the country declaring the allegiance of important cities and fortresses to the new regime. Moscow, Kharkov, Tsaritsyn and Volodga already have formally acknowledged the new Government and so far as is known not a single section of the country stands out for the old order of things. Supported by unanimous vote, the present Government is, in reality, a Government of the people. The Council of Nobility has held special meetings in 15 provinces and endorsed the new Government.

The old regime of Conservatives has been supplanted by a Government of Liberals. M. Kerenski, the new Minister of Justice, is a Socialist. He accepted the portfolio on the stipulation that there should be absolute freedom of speech and of the press, and full political amnesty. The Cabinet has been chosen exclusively from present and past members of the Duma. It was named by the Executive Committee of the Duma, in conjunction with other Deputies and representatives of the workmen and the soldiers.

Prof. Paul Milukoff, the new Foreign Minister, informed the correspondent that the new regime was determined on the elimination of Emperor Nicholas and of the regency of Grand Duke Michael.

FRENCH CABINET RESIGNS

Executive Body Meets and Decides to Hand Resignation To President.

Paris.—The French Cabinet, headed by President Briand, has resigned. An official note given out after the cabinet meeting says:

"The Council of Ministers met at Elysee Palace. The Premier reported on various consultations he had had with a view to completing the cabinet so it could present itself to the Chamber. After hearing him the cabinet decided that circumstances compelled it to leave to the President of the republic complete liberty to interpret the situation in the best interests of the national defense. Consequently, the President of the Council put into the hands of the President of the republic the resignation of the cabinet."

SAGAMORE REPORTED SUNK

Boston.—Agents of the Warren Line have announced that they had received indirect word that the British steamer Sagamore which sailed from Boston February 21 for Liverpool, had been sunk by a submarine.

The Sagamore was in command of Captain P. Cummings and had a crew of 50. She carried a general cargo, including munitions for the British Government, and was armed astern with a 4-7-inch gun. Vessel and cargo were valued at \$1,500,000.

NEW REGIME'S PROGRAM

London.—The Provisional Government in Russia has issued the following appeal to the people, according to Reuter's Petrograd correspondent:

"Citizens: The Executive Committee of Duma, with the aid and support of the garrison of the capital and its inhabitants, has succeeded in triumphing over the obnoxious forces of the old regime in such a manner that we are able to proceed to a more stable organization of the executive power with men whose past activity assures them the country's confidence."

The names of the members of the new government are then given, and the appeal continues:

"The new Cabinet will base its policy on the following principles:

"1. An immediate general amnesty for all political and religious offenses, including terrorists acts and military and agrarian offenses.

"2. Liberty of speech and of the press; freedom for alliances, unions and strikes, with the extension of these liberties to military officials within the limits admitted by military requirements.

"3. Abolition of all social, religious and national restrictions.

"4. To proceed forthwith to the preparation and convocation of a constitutional assembly, based on universal suffrage, which will establish a governmental regime.

"5. The substitution of the police by a national militia, with chiefs to be elected and responsible to the government.

"6. Communal elections to be based on universal suffrage.

"7. The troops which participated in the revolutionary movement will not be disarmed, but will remain in Petrograd.

"8. While maintaining strict military discipline for troops on active service, it is desirable to abrogate for soldiers all restrictions in the enjoyment of social rights accorded other citizens.

"The Provisional Government desires to add that it has no intention to profit by the circumstances of the war to delay the realization of the measures of reform mentioned above."

CHINA TO TAKE PART

Representatives of Neutral and Entente Nations Are Told of China's Intentions.

Peking, China.—After announcing the severance of diplomatic relations between China and Germany, Foreign Minister Wu Ting-fang called a meeting of the ministers of the Entente nations and later a meeting of the ministers of neutral countries.

He presented a memorandum at both meetings, requesting suspension of payments of indemnity for the Boxer uprising, consent to an increase of import duties and modification of China's undertakings that will permit her to station troops at Tien-Tsin, along the Tien-Tsin-Peking railway and in the legation quarters as a protection against Germans.

The Dutch legation is protecting German interests and guarding the German Legation. The German minister and his staff probably will leave Peking for Shanghai within five days. Denmark is looking after Chinese interests in Germany.

In the light of previous dispatches from Peking the action taken by the Chinese foreign minister indicates that the government is preparing to enter the war with the Entente. It was said in these dispatches that negotiations to that end were under way, and that China hoped by joining the Entente to obtain suspension of the payments of indemnity and permission to increase import duties.

MANY BELGIANS STARVING

According to Messages From Railroad Men—Germans Not Delivering Packages.

Havre.—The Belgian government continues to receive information concerning the fate of Belgian railroad employees.

According to postal cards sent by these men, and which are in the possession of the Belgian government, they are in real distress, some of them begging that necessities be expedited, as they are starving.

Parcel post packages, such as are sent to prisoners of war, have been forwarded, chiefly to the prisoners' camp at Guben, but the Germans are said to have refused to deliver them.

The Germans are charged with having refused to put these men in the category of military prisoners or in that of interned civilians, to whom the German regulations permit the sending of parcels. It is reported that the Belgian railroad men still refuse to work for the Germans.

OHIOAN MAY SUCCEED THE LATE JAPAN ENVOY

Washington.—It has just been learned that the President is considering Brand Whitlock, of Toledo, minister to Belgium, in connection with the diplomatic vacancy at Tokio, caused by the death of Ambassador Guthrie.

WOMAN NOW IN PERFECT HEALTH

What Came From Reading a Pinkham Advertisement.

Paterson, N. J.—"I thank you for the Lydia E. Pinkham remedies as they have made me well and healthy. Some time ago I felt so run down, had pains in my back and side, was very irregular, tired, nervous, had such bad dreams, did not feel like eating and had short breath. I read your advertisement in the newspapers and



decided to try a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It worked from the first bottle, so I took a second and a third, and a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Blood Purifier, and now I am just as well as any other woman. I advise every woman, single or married, who is troubled with any of the above-said ailments, to try your wonderful Vegetable Compound and Blood Purifier and I am sure they will help her to get rid of her troubles as they did me."—Mrs. ELSIE J. VAN DER SANDE, 36 No. York St., Paterson, N. J.

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Prominent Chinese Woman.

Princess der Ling, a brilliant Chinese noblewoman and a lady in waiting to the late dowager empress, is at present on a visit to the United States devoted chiefly to the study of American social and educational customs. The princess has been a pioneer in the advancement of woman in the ancient and tradition-bound country of her birth, and is an author. She has written, in a book entitled "Two Years in the Forbidden City," valuable impressions of Chinese imperial life, so difficult of access for common mortals in the old days of the empire. She was educated in Paris while her father was Chinese minister to France, and has all the culture of the western woman, in addition to the daintiness and picturesqueness of the eastern.

His One Thought.

"New York waiters," said Dr. W. W. Campbell, director of the Lick observatory, during the sixty-ninth session of the Association for the Advancement of Science, "think too little about good service and too much about gouging you out of an enormous gratuity."

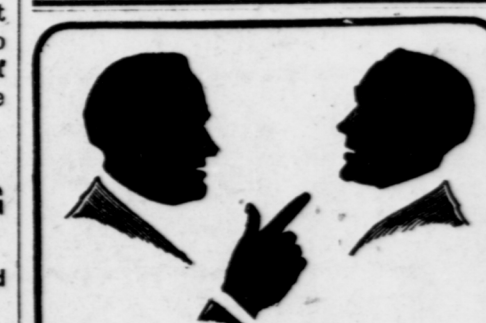
"I had a very typical experience with a waiter in a Fifth avenue restaurant the other day."

"Got any celery?" I said to him.

"He gave a great start. Then he bent down and whispered in my ear: 'No, sir. Ye got to rely entirely on yer tips here.'"

There are many ways of getting a living. People even have been known to work.

A. Lafrance of Ottawa, Ontario, has six sons in the British army.



Have You Ever Suspected

that the cause of various annoying ills might lie in the daily cup of tea or coffee?

A sure and easy way out of coffee and tea troubles is to shift to

Instant Postum

There's no caffeine nor anything harmful in this delightful, pure food-drink—just the nourishing goodness of wheat.

Postum has put thousands of former tea and coffee drinkers on the Road to wellville.

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This story of paying for your land out of one year's crop is fully authenticated by a great many farmers in Western Canada.

And now, all that the farmer makes is velvet and you find him going more extensively into stock raising, for all authorities agree that in a short time there will be a demand for live stock, such as even will tax the vast resources of Western Canada. They will go into stock raising because of the adaptability of the country to provide food and fodder without feeding grain if necessary. They will go into stock and improve their places. They will install steam and heating plants—in fact, many are now doing it. They will have automobiles, in fact in many districts there is not a farmer but has one. They will beautify their homes and erect fine barns until the whole country will be as attractive as many of the counties in the best states in the Union. But we started out to tell you of the farmer who paid for 160 acres of land from the crop of wheat off of 53 acres. The Holden district on the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific does not appear to the ordinary observer to be any better than many other districts along that line, and probably isn't. It was in this district that John Larcome, a settler, purchased in 1915 160 acres of raw prairie land. He broke and seeded 53 acres. His crop turned out well, and he sold the greater portion of it for \$2,970. His land cost him \$16.50 per acre, or \$2,640. So that the crop from the 53 acres paid for the land and left a balance of over \$300, which with part of the crop left over would just pay for the cost of operation. This is not really an unusual case, hundreds of other farmers in Alberta and Saskatchewan having been able to do the same.

Sales of land are being reported from many districts in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta at good prices. And values are yet low, but with the flow of any value that will take place after the war, no doubt they will be considerably increased. The homesteads in the Park sections which are to be had actually free are having the attention of a good class of settlers, who want to go into mixed farming.—Advertisement.

Her Proof.

"I've brought back those eggs you gave me this morning," said the new bride, as she began to take the articles in question from her basket. "They're duck eggs."

"Duck eggs!" sneered the grocery boss. "You're mistaken, ma'am. I don't never sell no duck eggs."

"But I tested them," triumphed the matrimonial novice. "I dropped them into water and they floated."—Judge.

FRUIT LAXATIVE FOR SICK CHILD

"California Syrup of Figs" can't harm tender stomach, liver and bowels.

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs" that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

When cross, irritable, feverish, or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue, mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. When its little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, indigestion, colic—remember, a good "inside cleaning" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Adv.

And She Fell for It.

"I am not easily flattered," she said. "Indeed not," he replied. "It would be difficult to make you out to be more beautiful than you really are."

Sore Eyes, Blood-Shot Eyes, Watery Eyes, Stuffy Eyes, all healed promptly with nightly applications of Roman Eye Balm. Adv.

Lapse of Memory.

Lawyer—You'll have to sign your maiden name to this document, madam. Mrs. Casey—Shure we've been married so long that O've forgot it entirely. Phwat was it, Pat?

Mr. Casey—Begorra, Oi used t' be so attintive t' yure cousin Kate, Oi'm forgettin' meself phwhich one of yez Oi married.

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Norway has 144 tree planting societies which since 1900 have set out more than 27,000 trees.

PRIMARY STEPS TO FEDERAL AID

EDUCATORS OF STATE MAKING SURVEY—RESULTS PLACED BEFORE GOVERNOR.

FUND IS NOW BEING RAISED

Plans Ready For Submission Soon—Board, By Appointment, Have Charge of Kentucky Fund—General Assembly Must Act.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Frankfort, Ky.—Educational leaders who conferred here in regard to accepting the offer of money from the Federal Government under the Smith-Hughes act, providing for agricultural and vocational training and preparation of teachers for those branches, are making up statements showing how much the Louisville schools, the normal schools and the University of Kentucky each can apportion to the co-operative fund. When the amounts have been satisfactorily apportioned State Supt. V. O. Gilbert will lay the proposal before Gov. Stanley, who, in order to take advantage of the act, must appoint a board to administer the fund for the state until the General Assembly, at its next regular session, can formally accept the arrangement and provide for the extension of the work, as the amount apportioned to Kentucky by the Federal Government increases year by year.

It is probable that the State Board of Education, composed of Supt. Gilbert, Attorney General M. M. Logan and Secretary of State James P. Lewis will be the temporary board.

The Louisville schools and the State Normal and University will not divert any of their money into a special fund, but will adapt the work now being done by them to conform to the requirements of the Federal act; so that they will receive from the Government a dollar for every dollar they employ in this work to the limit apportioned to them.

FILIBUSTERS ARE SCORED

Governor and Others Scathingly Arraign "Crowd of Willful Men"—2,000 at Lexington Meeting.

Lexington, Ky.—Firm approval of the President's stand, unqualified condemnation of the twelve filibustering Senators, and especially of Senator Stone, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, was expressed in resolutions adopted by nearly 2,000 Lexington citizens, assembled in an indignation mass meeting at the Woodland Auditorium. The resolutions state that Senator Stone should not be re-elected to his position as chairman of the committee, and urge Senators James and Beckham to use their influence in preventing his re-election.

A substitute resolution, without the condemnation of the senators, was offered by Alan Gilmour, who was hissed. When he was finally permitted to offer it, it was not seconded.

"America, our country, first and last," was the sentiment expressed by all speakers. They included Governor A. O. Stanley, Representative W. C. G. Hobbs, W. P. Kimball, Circuit Judge Charles Kerr, the Rev. Richard Wilkinson, of the Church of the Good Shepherd; the Rev. Robert K. Massie, of the Christ Church Cathedral, and Judge S. M. Wilson, who presided.

UNIVERSITY HEADS QUIZZED.

Sessions of Inquisitorial Body Behind Closed Doors.

Lexington, Ky.—The Probe Committee of the University of Kentucky called before it President Henry S. Barker, President Emeritus James K. Patterson, Dean E. Paul Anderson of the College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, and Dean Walter E. Rowe, of the College of Civil Engineering, and spend considerable time in the examination of these officials. The session was held behind closed doors, even the press being barred. The workings of the two colleges—the Mechanical and Electrical and the Civil Engineering—were thoroughly gone into with the view to ascertaining the feasibility of consolidating them.

Seek Through Service.

Pikeville, Ky.—An organized effort is being made by the citizens of the Big Sandy and Ohio Valley to obtain through passenger train service on the C. and O. and C. and O. between Ashland, Ky., and Spartanburg, S. C.

Enters Irvine Field.

Irvine, Ky.—The Consolidated Oil & Gasoline Company, of Delaware, has recently been organized to operate in the Irvine field with a capitalization of \$1,000,000. The officers are: President, W. P. Williams, banker, of Irvine; vice president, Abram Renick, of Winchester; secretary, Joseph Bond, of New York; treasurer, James C. Marley, of Boston; assistant secretary, treasurer, and general manager, W. E. Hancock, of Irvine, formerly of Dallas, Tex. Some extensive workings are planned.

BIG ROADS CROSS KENTUCKY

Some of Biggest Highway Projects in Country Have Portions in Kentucky—20,000 Miles Improved Roads.

Frankfort, Ky.—Upon a survey of reports of the road work done in other states during the last few years and comparing them with Kentucky's achievements in that line, the Blue Grass state ranks near the top of the list, when size and importance is being considered. Some of the country's greatest highway projects cross the state, north and south and east and west, and for that reason this section is being viewed with great interest at this time in view of the apparent imminence of war. Kentucky stands at the head of all Southern States in mileage of good roads, having approximately 20,000 miles of improved highways, with the building of 1,600 miles let to contract.

There are approximately 40,000 automobiles in Kentucky, estimates Eugene Stewart, of the Louisville Automobile Club, and 2,900,000 in the entire country, according to the latest authentic report.

The principal arteries of motor travel through Kentucky are:

Midland Trail, which crosses the continent from San Francisco to Washington. The length of the Midland Trail from Washington to San Francisco is 2,930 miles, whereas the distance by railroad is 410 miles. This highway, which is practically completed throughout, enters Kentucky at Louisville, passes through Frankfort, Lexington, Mt. Sterling and Catlettsburg into West Virginia.

The Dixie Highway, with two routes running north and south through the state. The Eastern route enters Kentucky at Covington and runs through to Middlesboro, connecting with the Boone Way. The western route enters Kentucky at Louisville and runs through Russellville into Tennessee. The Dixie Highway connects with the Midland Trail and the Lincoln Highway, linking the North and South with the East and West and traversing 4,206 miles.

The two routes of the Jackson Highway connecting Chicago and Buffalo with New Orleans, another route of national importance running through Louisville.

The Dixie Bee Line, from Chicago to Nashville, enters Kentucky at Henderson and passes through Hopkinsville into Tennessee, traversing the trail blazed into the wilderness by Daniel Boone.

The Boone Way, an historic highway, enters Kentucky at Cumberland Gap, Tenn., and passes through Middlesboro, Corbin, Mt. Vernon, Danville and Shelbyville to Louisville, a distance of 250 miles.

KENTUCKY BREVITIES

Georgetown, Ky.—The Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church met and elected officers for the coming year.

Franklin, Ky.—Senator John H. Durham sold his farm on the Russellville pike, which he purchased a few years ago, receiving a handsome profit.

Danville, Ky.—Miss Elizabeth Coffee sold to B. F. Robinson, of this city, her farm of ninety-three and one-half acres on the Lebanon pike, about three miles from town, for \$150 per acre.

Lexington, Ky.—Amended articles of incorporation increasing the amount of indebtedness that may be incurred by the W. L. Petty Tobacco Company from \$200,000 to \$250,000 has just been filed here.

Whitesburg, Ky.—Tim Jones, tried in the Floyd circuit court at Prestonburg, for killing Thomas Davidson last year, was given an indeterminate sentence of from eight to twelve years in the Frankfort Reformatory.

Henderson, Ky.—Mrs. Jesse M. Baskett, 52 years old, one of the most prominent women of the city, died suddenly here, following an injection administered by a local physician to relieve her of excruciating headaches.

Maysville, Ky.—Mrs. Eugene Merz, of this city, received a costly wedding anniversary present. When opened it was found to contain twenty-five Irish potatoes, each wrapped in a \$1 bill. The peck cost \$26, making it the highest price ever paid for potatoes in this country.

Richmond, Ky.—Former Gov. James B. McCreary, who has just returned from Washington, spoke before a large crowd of students and citizens in the Eastern Normal School chapel. His subject was "Thought and Action in the World of Today." He described the filibuster, which he witnessed while in Washington. When he denounced the twelve "willful" Senators, and praised the President, the crowd cheered lustily.

Paris, Ky.—Miss Jessie Stone, 16 years old, who is visiting at the home of Miss Myrtle Russell on Cypress street, was frightfully burned about the body and head when her clothing caught fire from an open grate.

Louisville, Ky.—The financial troubles of M. Schuster & Sons, dry goods merchants, were just aired in Bankruptcy Court. In this admission it was stated that J. B. Schuster, one of the junior members of the firm had lost between \$5,000 and \$7,000 on the races here.

R. R. STRIKE IS DECLARED OFF

Announcement Came as Surprise to Brotherhood Chiefs Who Were in Bed When News Came to Appear in Conference Room

VICTORY WON BY TRAINMEN

War Peril Prompts Roads To Make Concessions—Employees Are Assembled Eight-Hour Day and Pay For Ten Hours Under the Agreement—Details Being Worked Out By Mediators.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

New York.—The Conference committee of railroad managers authorized President Wilson's mediators to make whatever arrangements were necessary with the railroad brotherhoods to call off the threatened strike. The formal letter in which this authorization was made, signed by Elisha Lee, Chairman of the Managers' Committee, was as follows:

"In the national crisis precipitated by events which we heard the national conference committee of railroads joins with you in the conviction that neither at home nor abroad should there be fear or hope that the efficient operation of the railroads of the country will be hampered or impaired.

"Therefore you are authorized to assure the nation there will be no strike and as a basis for such assurance we hereby authorize the Committee of the Council of National Defense to grant to the employees who are about to strike whatever adjustment your committee deems necessary to guarantee the uninterrupted and efficient operation of the railroads as an indispensable arm of national defense." Secretary Lane issued this statement.

"Regardless of the decision of the Supreme Court on the Adamson law the basic eight-hour day will go into effect. The details are being worked upon by a joint committee, which will have its negotiations completed.

Victory For Trainmen.
The decision reached by the managers at their midnight conference means that the brotherhoods have won an important victory, although it does not bring them all their original demands.

Immediately after Secretary Lane had made his announcement the brotherhood leaders sent telegrams to all the general chairmen informing them that the strike had been declared off.

The announcement of the managers that they had yielded apparently came as a surprise to the brotherhood chiefs, for they were in bed when summoned again to the conference room.

CINCINNATI MARKETS

Flour, Hay and Grain.
Flour—Winter patent \$9.95, winter fancy \$9.50, winter family \$8.50, winter extras \$7.75, low-grade \$6.50.

Corn—No. 3 white \$1.10, No. 1.11, No. 3 yellow \$1.10, No. 3 mixed \$1.09, No. 1.10, white ear \$1.13, No. 1.15, mixed ear \$1.13, No. 1.15, yellow ear \$1.15.

Hay—No. 1 timothy \$16.50, No. 2 \$16.00, No. 3 \$15.50, No. 1 clover mixed \$16.00, No. 2 \$15.50, No. 1 clover \$18.50, No. 2 \$17.50.

Oats—No. 2 white \$5.50, standard white \$4.50, No. 3 white \$3.50, No. 4 white \$3.50, No. 2 mixed \$3.50, No. 3 mixed \$2.50, No. 4 mixed \$2.50.

Wheat—No. 2 red \$2.02, No. 2.04, No. 3 red \$1.97, No. 2.01, No. 4 red \$1.80, No. 1.92.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.
Butter—Whole milk creamery extras 43c, centralized creamery extras 40c, firsts 38c, seconds 34c, dairy fancy 35c, No. 1 packing stock 25 1/2c, No. 2 20c.

Eggs—Prime firsts 28c, firsts 27 1/2c, ordinary firsts 26 1/2c, seconds 25 1/2c.

Live Poultry—Broilers, 1 1/2 lb. and under, 35c; fryers, over 1 1/2 lb. 25c; fowls, 5 lbs and over, 21 1/2c; under 5 1/2 lbs 21 1/2c; roosters 15 1/2c.

Cattle—Shippers \$8.50, butchers steers extra \$10.00, good to choice \$9.25, 10 common to fair \$6.50, heifers, extra \$9.75, good to choice \$8.75, 9.50, common to fair \$6.50, 6.75, canners \$5.75.

Bulls—Bologna \$7.50, 8.75, fat bulls \$8.85.

Calves—Extra \$11.25, 11.50, fair to good \$10.00, 11, common and large \$6.00.

Hogs—Selected heavy shippers \$15.15, good to choice packers and butchers \$15.10, 15.15, mixed packers \$15.10, 15.15, common to choice heavy fat sows \$8.50, 14, light shippers \$12.50, 13.25, pigs (110 lbs and less) \$6.00.

All Youths Must Train.

Albany, N. Y.—Boys in this state between the ages of 16 and 19 years are now members of the Corps of Cadets of the state of New York. The Military Training Commission has given that name to the army of boys in the state whom the new laws make subject to military training. None between the ages mentioned entirely is exempted. The cadets soon will get orders providing a schedule of three hours a week of drill, target practice, study or other military duty.

FARM STOCK



PLACE FOR FARROWING SOWS

That Animal May Not Be Disturbed She Should Be Kept Separated From Other Swine.

The less a sow is disturbed at farrowing time the better, and for this reason she should be kept separate from the other swine. While someone should be on hand, unless she needs assistance, it is best to keep away from her. If it does become necessary to help, do it as quietly as possible. As the pigs are not able to take much milk, the flow should not be stimulated for a few days. Give the sow plenty of water, as she is in feverish condition, but take the chill off of it if the day is cold.

It is not necessary to feed the sow for a day or two, and the first feed given should consist of a small



Sow in Healthy Condition.

amount of thin slop, which should be gradually increased as the pigs become able to take more milk. In two weeks' time she should be on full feed, which should consist of a good, laxative, milk-producing ration. There is no better way of feeding the pigs than through the mother, so feed the sow for the greatest amount of milk.

ARRANGE QUARTERS FOR RAM

His Rough Treatment of Ewes Is Source of Great Loss to Farmer—Keep Him Separated.

Allowing the ram to stay with the ewes through the winter and spring until lambing or shearing time is not always the best practice. It's good for the ram in case the ewes are well fed; he will get the lion's share, occupy the space for three ewes at the trough and rack, and grow fat and abusive. He will choose to eat where the ewes have peacefully lined themselves up rather than take an open place where feed is untouched, writes R. A. Hayne in National Stockman and Farmer. He stalks about and bunts the ewes out of his way on all occasions.

His rough treatment, bunting his way and crowding up to feed racks is a source of abortions and premature births.

Sheep values justify every care to increase numbers and values of next year's lamb crop.

Better arrange to put his ramship in other quarters than the ewe fold. That doesn't mean to isolate him in some small, dark, damp corner of the barn basement or to exile him to a back lot without shelter or regular feed.

ERADICATE ALL OX WARBLES

Hides Are Lessened in Value and Milk Production Decreased by Presence of Grubs.

When you find small lumps on the back of an animal with round openings in them, squeeze them and the grub that burrows under the hide will be found. These are ox warbles. Kill them, for they are one link in the life cycle of the ox warble fly.

Hides are reduced in value from 1 to 2 cents a pound by the presence of ox warbles. Flesh is sometimes so damaged as to be unfit for sale. Milk production is lessened by the presence of numerous grubs. Cattle in general are annoyed seriously by these warbles. Removing and destroying all the grubs from infested cattle will reduce the number of egg-laying females for next summer.

SUBSTITUTE SILAGE FOR HAY

Can Be Safely and Profitably Done in Rations for Horses and Mules, Says Missouri Station.

Silage can be safely and profitably substituted for a part of the hay in the ration for work horses and mules at the rate of two pounds for one pound of hay, is the conclusion reached by the Missouri station after two years' trials.

HORSE CARE IN WET WEATHER

First Scrape Animal, Then Blanket Him, Giving Good Rubbing—Keep Legs Warm and Dry.

When the horse comes in wet with rain, first scrape him, then blanket him, and rub his head, neck, loins and legs. If the weather is cold put on an extra blanket in 20 minutes. Change the wet blanket when the horse dries. It is important to have the legs warm and dry.

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Thing to Do.

"My boat was arrested by the incoming tide."

"Then I suppose you baled her out."

CLEAR YOUR COMPLEXION

While You Sleep With Cuticura Soap and Ointment—Trial Free.

On retiring, gently smear the face with Cuticura Ointment, wash off in five minutes with Cuticura Soap and hot water, and continue bathing a few minutes with the Soap. The influence of this treatment on the pores extends through the night.

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Both salt and fresh-water fish are caught in Lake Maracaibo in Venezuela.

Australia boasts of the tallest trees grown on British soil.

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FOR JUDGE,

Cam Mullins, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY,

E. R. Gentry, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

FOR SHERIFF,

Mose McNew, of Wildie, Ky.

FOR COUNTY COURT CLERK,

J. B. Cummins, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

S. F. Bowman, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

James Proctor, of Orlando, Ky.

FOR JAILER,

"Little" Tom Taylor, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Logue Sowder, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

G. W. Decker, of Cedarville, Ky.

J. S. Southards, of Pine Hill, Ky.

Frank Mullins, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

FOR SUPT. OF SCHOOLS,

Mrs. Alice Davis, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR,

Rev. Wm. M. Durham, Johnetta, Ky.

FOR MAGISTRATE,

First District,

W. M. Sowder, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

FOURTH DISTRICT,

G. W. Murphy, of Livingston, Ky.

FOR CONSTABLE,

First District,

J. A. Jones, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

THE calling of Congress in special session on April 2, two weeks in advance of the original call for the gathering of the war-making branch of the Government constitutes a momentous occurrence which overshadows by its import all other news connected with the war. President Wilson has summoned Congress to decide with grave questions of national policy. The President is expected to declare that a state of war has existed with Germany for some time, and it is also expected that Congress will declare a state of war to exist and give the President authority to use the armed forces of the country. The possibility that Germany may anticipate any move by the United States in this direction by a declaration of war on the United States is forecast in Berlin advice reaching Holland. These are to the effect that a state of war with the United States will be accomplished fact within forty-eight hours.

THE railroad strike is settled and for it, the American people have every reason to rejoice. Had a nation-wide strike been called at this critical moment, it would have meant, more to the people of the United States, than all the fighting we will ever do with Germany.

WHEN the same or even worse can come to the Kaiser, that he befallen the Czar, what a glorious day it will be for all mankind.

Boone-Way Man
In Texas

"The smooth moving warm southern breezes" yes one finds them here the biggest portion of the year, tho from January to first of March their smoothness and warmth are somewhat varied when the north wind disputes with his southern brother for supremacy. They (the winds) play hide and seek. The southern breeze usually has possession, but seemingly tired out stop, then is chased bank into the Gulf by the wind what seems to represent breezes from the north pole,

and holds possession of the grounds from fifteen to forty hours, only to have the chasing reversed. Temperature under these conditions often change within a few hours, dropping from 80 to 30 and sometimes lower, and vice versa.

When a severe "Northern" arrives it seems to carry all sorts of weapons, including razors, darts and butcher knives, the "cut" so severely on account of the sudden changes. One old Texan told the writer that "way back in the 80s, while driving an ox team to town, one became overheated and fell dead. While skinning the dead animal a northern came, freezing the other ox to death in his tracks and the carcass didn't all but remained standing." When we recovered from the shock, we told the narrator we had some very fine ones, for truthfulness. Old Kentucky, referring to Will Owens at Livingston and H. Mullins of Mt. Vernon, and a few others whose names we did not mention, on account of our intention to return to Kentucky soon. Peace at any price.

Most of corn crop has been planted. Frost on March 4th did much damage to gardens and some to fruit trees.

Some of the Texas counties are shipping canned Jack rabbits. In catching them, "drives" are had in which often, thousands of the long-eared game are captured.

The armadillo is proving an asset in the h.c.l. in many southern Texas localities. He is a small animal covered with an armor of hinged shells and reminds one of a cross between a turtle and a porcupine. He came into this portion of the state from Mexico during the past quarter of a century. The dirks were the first to discover the value of its flesh. The armadillo can roll himself into a ball and his shell completely covers him from the attack of dogs. They burrow for living and sleeping quarters.

From Huston to San Antonio, 213 miles, is almost one vast prairie broken occasionally by a river or creek. Many stretches, of from five to ten miles, but a few trees can be seen. Live oak, (always green), covered with long flowing gray mass, is the most prominent growth. There are pecan, post and black oak, mesquite cottonwood, persimmon, weevil, walnut, haw and black jack trees here, but their growth is small compared with Kentucky trees. Among the fruit trees are found the peach, pear, fig and orange. Apples grow in abundance. Tobacco will grow here to immense size but it won't cure in this salt atmosphere. Corn and cotton are the staple crops. Considerable cattle raising is still going on.

Drouths, storms and overflows, have done great damage in this portion of state during past few years.

Texas is a great state, but like others, has its advantages and disadvantages. Some of the northern land agents, who have secured holdings down their way, I am told, have been to a disadvantage to emigration by their misrepresentation of actual situation and conditions, deceiving buyers who have never seen the lands. Many who have been induced to come, would have returned had they had means to do so. Not a good idea to purchase lands you have never seen. There is good land and poor land here. People coming here with but little money have pretty rough sledding of it, for a time at least. The good price for cotton in 1916 was a great thing for the planters. Texas is wide awake on the road question.

The highways from Galveston to Huston is made of shells, dredged from Galveston bay. The majority of Texas roads, over which the writer has driven (400 miles) are made of gravel, which is found in some gullies, in large beds, or hills. Gravel is also taken from rivers. There is more gravel in Colorado county than in any other and the county has the

least a large of good roads, tho they are building. One gravel pit or borrow, contains 50 acres with material from three to 25 feet in thickness. J. W. Slavin, our old Garrard county friend has a \$30,000 gravel plant near Columbus, from which he ships road material to various counties.

The writer will wind up his Texas tour within next fifteen days, spending two or three days with Warren Slavin and highway friends in Huston, one of Texas fastest growing cities. The Rice hotel and the Rice Institute are located there. It will be remembered that Rice, a multimillionaire, was murdered, and his taking off was charged to — Patrick, who underwent a number of trials for his life. The writer has seen the hotel and Institute building and grounds upon which the philanthropist had expended millions before his untimely taking off.

THE PNEUMONIA SEASON

The cold, damp weather of March seems to be the most favorable for the pneumonia germs. Now is the time to be careful. Pneumonia often results from a cold. The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less danger. As soon as the first indication of cold appears take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. As to the value of this preparation, ask any one who has used it.

By special arrangement and through the courtesy of local Modern Woodmen, the Boone Way theatre has booked two reels of motion pictures featuring George Gray, in a true and realistic story of his part in the present war — not of bloodshed — but in the fight against and conquest of that human menace, tuberculosis. Gray is one of the million members of the Modern Woodmen of America. Discovering that he is afflicted with this disease, he takes advantage of the comfort, care, and cure of the Sanatorium owned, maintained and operated by the Society, free of charge to its members. For several years that famous institution has this lively and effective cooperation in the world wide movement advocated by the Red Cross and medical authorities, to stamp out the dread "white plague" and Gray is the beneficiary of this Woodmen life saving station. It is an intensely interesting and heart gripping story of the leave taking of wife and children. Weak in body and hopeless in mind he journeys to the beautiful Rocky Mountain region near Colorado Springs, Colorado, where, in the rarified climate and constant sunshine, at an altitude of 7,000 feet, he is destined to spend nine months at the foot of Mount Cedar, in the care of the most modern Sanatorium in the world. His experiences in "chasing the cure," his absolute rest from all cares, and labor, his gradual return to health and strength, his "hikes" among the fragrant pines and over the rocky trails of the U. S. forest reserve, leased by and adjoining the Sanatorium, result in his final return to family and friends, victorious over his foe. "The Value of a Life," is a thrilling and dramatic story — and absolutely true as well; indeed, Gray's experience has been duplicated by nearly 3,000 of fellow Neighbors, who have already enjoyed the benefits of this justly celebrated institute. This film is pronounced by competent authorities to be one of the very best in this age of highly developed motion pictures, and is in such great demand that it can be booked for only one day and night in each town or city. It is a rare opportunity one can not afford to miss.

At the Boone Way theatre, on April 4, at 8 o'clock P. M. The two reels and four other reels featuring Marguerite Clark in "Widdowson" will be shown at Boone Way Opera House Wednesday night April 4th.



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MARET BURG

So much rain is making farmers very late in this section. Farmers say that very little plowing has been done. — J. S. Sowards will cultivate a part of the J. N. Vanhook farm — David Talent has rented the John Hamlin house and ground. Also some land of Lewis McCall for tobacco and potatoes. — Charlie Bethurum is a resident of our town, but will raise his crop on his father place. — J. F. Lewis, has been on the sick list for a week or so — Mrs. French, of near Stanford, who spent the winter with Mrs. McCall returned home last Tuesday. — L. F. McCall and wife visited home folks Sunday. Miss Lena McCall accompanied them home for a few days visit. — Miss Bertha Sowards broke a pin off in her hand causing a very painful injury. — Frank Hunt is building a new house and the report is that Frank will take in a house-keeper when completed. — Every thing looks dark and war clouds gathering over our horizon, but may the good and guiding hand lead our dear Ruler of this great and good country in the right and bring us out victorious.

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Mt. Vernon,
Ky.Opposite
Court House

After a month and a day, the lower house of the legislature, with the senate doing nothing all the time but drawing \$10 each for its members passed the bill to put a tax commission in charge of the revenue affairs of the state, to be composed of the auditor, whose pay is increased by \$600 and two others, one a Democrat and the other a Republican, to receive \$3,600 a year each. The secretary is to have \$2,000 a year and \$15,000 is provided for expenses. This is considerably less in salaries and expenses than originally proposed, but even at that it will be an expensive affair. It bears somewhat of a resemblance to putting cart before the horse in fixing a commission before the more important matters of classification of property and rate of taxation are fixed but most anything is possible but real patriotic service in such a momentary assemblage, which according to the Courier Journal is costing \$6.01 a minute for the time it work — Interior Journal.

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COLDS.

J. L. Easley, Macon, Ill., in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy says, "During the past fifteen years it has been my sister's favorite medicine for colds on the lungs. I myself have taken it a number of times when suffering with a cold and it always relieved me promptly."

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CHANGES

Spring brings all kinds of weather and with it comes colds and the revival of winter coughs and hoarseness. Bell's Pine Tar-Honey will head off a new cold or stop the old one, the soothing balsams relieve the sore throat and heal the irritated tissues. Get a bottle today and start treatment at once. At your drug gists, 25c. Formula on the bottle.



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PERSONAL

J H Mullins and family will
move to Avoca soon.Herbert Cox is home for a few
days from Dayton, Ohio.Master J Preston Young has
been very sick for the past week.Miss Flora Pennington of Liv-
ingston, was with relatives here
this week.Mr. and Mrs. Meshack Gentry
have returned from Avoca and
will reside here.John Robins, merchant, and J
D. Martin, tobacco manufacturer
of Brodhead, were here on busi-
ness Tuesday.Rev. Potorf of Brodhead preach-
ed at Christian Church Wednes-
day night. Mr. Potorf is an inter-
esting speaker.Mrs. W. N. Thompson of the
Marburg section was called to
Bell county last week on account
of the serious illness of her father.Mrs. Mary Williams, who has
been very sick for the past few
days, is but little better. She has
a good day and night and then a
bad one. However, no uneasiness
is felt by the Doctor or family
without a very great change from
what she is at present.A. B. Furnish was here from
Barboursville Tuesday looking
after his property. Arch has
done well since he left Mt Vernon
which will be good news to his
many friends in Rockcastle. He
and F. M. Maxey built most of
the grade for the Manchester
railroad and are now figuring on
two other contracts for the sum-
mer. Mrs. Furnish has been in
Cincinnati during the winter.

LOCAL

Subscribe for the Bulletin,
Livingston's Newspaper.Onion Sets, yellow and white
Early Six weeks seed potatoes at
DRUMMOND'S Store.Walk Over Oxfords for men, in
all the newest lasts at SUTTON &
MCBEE'SSeveral thousand pair of shoes
for sale at SUTTON & MCBEE'S a
last years prices.W. R. McClure has opened a
pool room in Gregg Thomason's
place just outside corporation.Don't be scared to death about
the high prices of shoes, we have
plenty of shoes in reach of every
body.

SUTTON & MCBEE

First State Bank will be organ-
ized at Livingston next Monday.
Come in and see us while in town
DRUMMOND'S StoreMr. Durrett, president of the
Durrett Construction Co., was
here Tuesday getting things in
readiness to resume work on the
Roundstone pike, just as soon as
the weather will permit.The Mathews, Sentz Oil Co
are now figuring with the Rock-
castle Oil & Gas Co for machinery
to put down well on their hold-
ings of the former company in
the Southwest part of the county.Get ready for Easter. Pretty
trimmed hats just received. Value
up to \$6.00 special \$2.69. Ready
to wear Hats all shapes and
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present stock
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ago and we can
save you some
money.Low Shoes
are ready.THE NEWEST
SPRING CLOTHES
FOR MEN AND YOUNG MEN

The call of Spring is reaching
every man—and suggests New
Clothes. Other seasons of the year are
beautiful, but the Spring time is accepted by all
as a general "DRESS UP" occasion — for
nature and for humans.

For over a quarter of a century this store has been the style
center of this community. And we are ready — splendidly
ready to serve the people who are looking for Better Clothes
and Better Clothes Service. They are

FISH'S \$10
\$25 SpecialsDROP IN TO-DAY AND SEE THE NEW THINGS FOR SPRING
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We are always very glad to show you these new things.

Come In and See What a Little Cash Will Do.



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Come in and select the pattern
model in Hart Schaffner &
Marx big line and let us get
your Easter Suit, made to your
measure, if we can't fit you from
stock. Made to measure suits at
ready-made prices.

SUTTON & MCBEE.

Mrs. Lauretta Rowzee, for many
years a resident of Mt. Vernon,
but for the past few years, has
been making her home with her
daughter, Mrs. Jake Pike at Wal-
lens Creek, died Wednesday of
pneumonia. The remains were
brought here on the early train
yesterday morning and laid to
rest in Elmwood Cemetery.W. A. Carson, the Brodhead
painter, has just finished paint-
ing the inside of U. G. Baker's
store room and is now at work
on People Bank, touching up the
dirty spots. A little paint well
applied certainly adds to the at-
tractiveness of any place. There
are quite a number who will
evidently follow suit.B. A. Hayes left yesterday for
Jeffersonville, Ind., where they
will spend some time with Mrs.
Hayes' parents before going on
to Nebraska where Mr. Hayes ex-
pects to locate. Bert is a good
man and a progressive farmer
and we regret very much to lose
him from our county.W. H. Graves, who sold his
holdings in the Mt. Vernon Tele-
phone Co. to J. F. Dees, severed
all connection with the company
and on yesterday moved back to
his farm on Skeegs creek. Mr.
Sidney Hellard will move to the
exchange property today and take
charge of the Mt. Vernon ex-
change.Ladies suits, coats, hats, SUT-
TON & MCBEE.

OIL SITUATION

Oil promoters have been few
in Rockcastle for the past week
and but little has been done. A
few leases have been secured by
local parties, a few which have
expired and the renewal rentals
not paid have been leased by
other parties.The Rockcastle Oil & Gas Co.
are at work on well No. 2 which
is located on Dee Cummins' place
and about 75 yards from well No.
1. How deep they are on well
No. 2 seems to be a secret so far
as outsiders are concerned.We are reliably informed that
H. T. Schafer, who has three rigs
in Jackson county, will have one
of those machines in this county
before many weeks. Mr. Schafer
built the machines at Bond, Jack-
son county and are of the 3000
feet capacity.The Brodhead company are pro-
gressing with well on A. T. Fur-
nish farm. They are now down
about 500 feet.The lecture "Knight of the
Twentieth Century" Dr. Gan-
field, President of Central Uni-
versity Danville, given at the
Graded school building Tuesday
evening, was especially enjoyed
and appreciated by the splendid
audience who heard him. Dr.
Ganfield filled in on the Lyceum
Course, the number originally
booked for Sylvester Long but so
far as the Mt. Vernon folks are
concerned, the change proved a
most acceptable one. Dr. Gan-
field's pleasing manner made him
many friends during his short
stay in our little town.Boy play suits 75c, to \$1.25
heavy Galathea cloth in colors at
DRUMMOND'S Store.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I wish to announce myself as a
candidate for Jailer of this coun-
ty, subject to the action of the
Republican party.And I wish to say to the
voters of this county that I have
been a life long Republican and
have always done every thing in
my power for the party and if
elected, I promise the people to
make them a good sober officer
and if I am defeated in the pri-
mary I promise all my opponents
that I will take the stump for
the one who defeats me if it is
deemed necessary. Your support
will sure be appreciated

J. S. SOUTHWARDS.

LANGDON SCHOOL NOTES.

Star Roll and Honor Roll.
Langdon School for month end-
ing March 15th.

STAR ROLL

Flora Pitman, Louise Landrum.

HONOR ROLL

Effie Belle Chasreen, Ethel
Chesnut, Dorothy Albright, Mary
Elizabeth Lawrence, Mary Eliza-
beth Fee, Anna McDowell, Sadie
Price.House Dresses in Amoskaeg
Gingham, pretty patterns and
colors. \$1.00 \$1.25 and \$1.50 at
DRUMMOND'S store.W. J. Spark Co, not being able
to fill all orders for rock, at the
Mt. Vernon and Mullins Station
plants, are getting ready to resume
operations at their Sparks Quarry
plant, which has been closed down
for more than a year.The State Christian and Junior
Endeavor Conventions meet in
Danville tomorrow and next day.
The list of delegates from Mt.
Vernon societies will be given
next issue.

WITHERS

Joe Wilson, the county survey-
or, was in this part last week do-
ing some surveying. — C. E. Mul-
lins was in Mt. Vernon last Mon-
day. — Herbert Anderson will leave
for Winchester, Tuesday. — Mat
Green passed through a few days
ago buying hogs for the Rich-
mond market. — Estill Mullins was
in Livingston, Saturday. — Mrs.
Margaret Martin and son, Hamil-
ton were visiting relatives in Liv-
ingston, from Sunday until Mon-
day. — The infant son of Dillard
Cotton remains very sick. — Mrs.
Ben Mullins was the guest of
Sarah A. Mullins, Sunday. —
Douglas and Oma, the two small
children of Jones French that
have been sick for a few days,
are said to be improving. — Fred
Evans of London, was with the
merchants of this place last week.
— Chas. French and family will
leave in a few days for Colorado
to make their future home. — Well,
most all of the old correspondents
appeared in the Signal last week,
also some new ones, so let each
and everyone try to write every
week and the Signal will be very
interesting to most of us, as most
all of us like to read the news
from all parts of the county. — Dr.
Cornelius, of Berea, was in this
part Saturday. — Rev. Ponder
filled his regular appointment at
Cave Ridge, Saturday and Sun-
day. — Seems like the way winter
holds on there is going to be very
little gardening done in March. —
Thomas Anderson is contemplat-
ing moving his family to Win-
chester in a few days.Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIASUNDAY SERVICES AT THE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH.Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Preaching Service 11:00 a.m. —
Subject, "The Crisis of a Nation."
Meeting of Official Board, 3 p.m.
Christian Endeavor 6:30 p.m.
Preaching service, 7:30 p.m. —
Subject, "Our National Sin."
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evening servicesBoys Suits Serges, Cashmeres
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MOND'S Store.640-Acre Homesteads in Mon-
tana—new law just passed. New
town, Business Opportunities.
Send 25c for maps and informa-
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Admr.

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The IRON CLAW

by Arthur Stringer

SYNOPSIS.

On Windward Island, Pallidori intrigues which causes Golden to capture and torture the Italian by branding his face and crushing his hand. Pallidori floods the island and kidnaps Golden's little daughter Margery. Twelve years later in New York a masked One-Lamp Louie rescues Margery from Legar and takes her to her father's home, whence she is recaptured. Margery's mother fruitlessly implores Golden to find their daughter. The Laughing Mask again takes Margery away from Legar. Legar sends to Golden a warning and a demand for a portion of the chart of Windward Island. Margery meets her mother. The chart is lost in a fight between Manley and one of Legar's henchmen, but is recovered by the Laughing Mask. Count De Espares figures in a dubious attempt to entrap Legar and claims to have killed him. Golden's house is dynamited during a masked ball. Legar escapes but De Espares is crushed in the ruins. Margery rescues the Laughing Mask from the police. Manley finds Margery not indifferent to his love. He saves her from Manley's poisoned arrows. Manley plans a mock funeral which fails to accomplish the desired purpose, the capture of the Iron Claw and his gang. Margery is saved from death at the hands of the Iron Claw by the Laughing Mask. An attempt by the Iron Claw to blow up the O'Mara cottage is frustrated in the nick of time. The Laughing Mask discloses his identity to Margery. Margery overhears the police's plan to take the Laughing Mask prisoner and hastens to warn him. They escape both the police and the Iron Claw. Later the Laughing Mask is almost taken while with Margery at her home. He eludes capture; Margery's father tells her that the Mask has met death.

FIFTEENTH EPISODE

The Double Resurrection.

As Legar leaned back in the dim seclusion of his smoothly running limousine he permitted his scar-ravaged features the rare luxury of a twisted smile.

Behind that leering face the active brain was marshaling certain past events and generating certain future schemes. One fact was indisputable—in the past two men had blocked him at every turn. These enemies were now out of the way—they were dead.

The limousine purred steadily southward through the deepening shadows of the almost deserted avenue. It turned into a mean side street and drew up beside the curb, well beyond the range of the sputtering arc light.

Two skulking figures sidled out of a gloomy arway and approached the limousine as Legar got out. These worthies, answering to the appellations of Red Eagan and One-Lamp Louie, were of that primordial type which recognizes only the law of brute force. So it was that Red Eagan, mistaking Legar's twisted smile for something approaching good humor, attempted an unusual degree of familiarity.

"Say, gov'nor, I don't want t' raise a holler, but that swell buzz wagon must eat up a pile of swag."

Legar replied curtly, with darkening face.

"You'll get your share of the stuff, Eagan, no more and no less. But there are times when that kind of talk might prove unhealthy, and the sooner the fat penetrates your thick skull the better."

The trio cautiously approached a ruinous old, Washington Square mansion, and slipping into this dubious rabbit warren, crossed the hall, dimly lit by one sickly gas jet. As they started up the stairs, a slender, heavily veiled young woman came hastily out of one of the rooms on the top floor. She leaned for a moment over the rickety balustrade, striving to pierce the half gloom enshrouding the identity of the oncoming visitors. Wheeling about the young woman darted swiftly through one of the half dozen doors off the hallway. Her refuge proved to be a windowless walled room cluttered with dilapidated trunks and useless relics of bygone lodgers.

From the depths of an ancient cabinet, the veiled stranger drew forth a telephonic helmet. As she quickly adjusted the microphones over her ears she heard the sound of voices. The voices, restrained and low-toned at first, rapidly became loud and quarrelsome.

The angry tones were those of Jules Legar and Red Eagan. The storm of heated words centered about the heavy iron safe standing in one corner of the room. Up to a comparatively short time ago this safe had been the receptacle of certain valuable looted by Red Eagan and One-Lamp Louie, under Legar's directions, from a palatial upper Fifth avenue residence. The safe door now stood open—its contents scattered promiscuously about the floor, but of the Van Horn family plate there was no trace.

"The guy what cracked this crib had the inside door for sure," was Red Eagan's muttered comment.

"Are you trying to insinuate this is a plan to double-cross you and Louie?" queried Legar.

"I ain't insinuat'n nothin'," was the other's surly response, "but who else was hep to where the stuff was salted?"

The answer Red Eagan received was both prompt and effective. A heavy iron projectile caught him neatly on

the point of the jaw. He grunted limply to the floor, where he lay for a moment in dazed uncertainty. Then with a vindictive oath he tugged loose his automatic and fired point-blank at the sardonic face bending over him. A purple mist clouded the gunman's aim and the bullet spent itself with a soft plunk in the plastered ceiling. Before Eagan could fire a second time, that terrible iron projectile attached to the stump of Legar's arm descended again with lightning speed and sent the revolver spinning to the other side of the room.

At the staccato bark of the pistol the statuesque eavesdropper in the storeroom had stiffened with rigid expectation, but when Legar's incisive tones again broke in on her ears she displayed a sudden and startling activity. Throwing off her metallic headgear, she quickly up-ended an oblong packing case and, balancing on this shaky pedestal, worked loose the rusty hasp securing the heavy skylight. Forcing the yielding frame-work gradually upward with her head and shoulders, she wormed and undulated her way to the flat tin roof. Catlike she took the ten-foot drop to the roof of the adjoining house, landing lightly on her feet, and, scudding through a door opening upon a stairway, made her way down to the street.

A few moments later the meditative Red Eagan, walking slowly across the narrow strip of shadowy park, felt a light tap on his shoulder. He wheeled sharply in his tracks, his hand reaching instinctively toward his empty gun pocket. He quickly realized he had nothing to fear from this veiled woman who stood quietly confronting him, and who in no way resembled an emissary from that domed building known as headquarters. She silently motioned him toward a secluded bench near by. Prompted by a vague curiosity, Eagan warily followed her. It was not until they were seated that the woman of mystery spoke.

"Never mind how I know, but you have a heavy score to settle with a one-armed man calling himself Jules Legar—I can help you in this."

At that moment this strange conference was augmented by a third person, who took up his stand behind a thick-boled maple, where he could hear every word spoken. Legar, surmising the mutinous gunman was in a mood to stir up trouble, had dispatched One-Lamp Louie to shadow his former pal.

"The plan is a simple one—your master has made it appear that a number of terrible crimes were perpetrated by his enemy, the Laughing Mask. Even the police have been persuaded to take that view. But you know, and I know, the real guilt lies with Legar. This man must be brought to justice and the name of the Laughing Mask cleared, even though he be dead. This can be done only by showing in detail how these crimes were committed—if you will write out those details tonight and place them in my hands tomorrow I will see that your score with Jules Legar is paid in full." The woman paused, and then continued—evidently trying a different tact. "If you do what I ask faithfully, I will also make good your share of the loot which so mysteriously took wings and vanished from Legar's safe. But remember—I have the power to punish as well as to reward."

"Come to a place in Jersey called Rosedale—when you get off the train turn to the left and follow the highway until you see a big white house standing on a hill—a little way down the road you will see an old barn on the edge of a deep gully—at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning I will meet you just outside that old barn. I will have your money and shall expect you to have the written statement disclosing Legar's crimes."

Again she hesitated, and then, hoping to play on Eagan's apparent credulity, added, "The spirit of the dead Laughing Mask is working with me. He will watch your every move, until that paper is in my hands!"

This chance shot told heavily, for the superstitious yeggman, while fearing no corporal enemy, possessed an unreasoning dread for anything savoring of the supernatural. Casting an apprehensive look about him, he bleated out in terror:

"For Gawd's sake, call off the spirit, lady. I give yer me dyn' oath an' affidavit t' do what yer axed me, but I don't want t' go up against no spooks."

One-Lamp Louie, who had been drinking in this artfully staged flummery with avid ears, his one good optic almost starting from its socket, now precipitately rushed to his chief. As he reported in detail his fished version of the conversation between Red Eagan and the veiled guardian of departed spirits, it was apparent he shared in no light measure the superstitious fear of his traitorous confrere. But these vaporish fancies were quickly dispelled by the craftily minded master schemer.

"You're as bad as some half-witted old woman, falling for that spirit bunk," snapped Legar. "I suppose

you'll want someone to hold your hand in the dark after this."

"If there ain't no spirits mixed up in this deal, gov'nor, who tipped off that bunch o' crape to all this inside gossip she handed Red?" solemnly queried the wide-eyed thug.

"Unless I miss my guess there's a dictaphone planted in this room and I'm going to find it if it takes a week," said Legar.

He lost no time in making good this declaration, fishing under the furniture, along the moldings and in the dark corners of the room with that prehensile iron hook which seemed almost endowed with human intelligence. Suddenly he gave a guttural bark of triumph—under the heavy iron safe backed against the wall he found the object of his search and a few moments' work sufficed to trace the tell-tale thread of wire back to the storeroom, where the up-ended packing case and unlocked skylight told their own story.

"That ought to answer your ravings," was Legar's quiet-toned comment to his bewildered lieutenant, and then he added maliciously, "there will be some uninvited guests at the next seance of your high-priestess friend, and somehow I have a feeling that she and Red are going to join those departed spirits inside of the next twenty-four hours."

The unsuspecting object of Legar's levity, with her features still heavily shrouded as on the preceding night, stepped out of the sagging doorway of a weather-stained old barn which clung dizzily to the brink of a precipitous and rock-toothed ravine. As she approached the formal Italian garden centered about a musically cascading fountain she perceived a golden-haired girl seated on one of the rustic benches.

Presently an elderly, white-haired man, whose deep-lined face and troubled eyes bore mute witness of past mental strife, came slowly down the gravelled walk and stopped beside the disconsolate figure on the rustic bench.

"You mustn't take this so to heart, Margery—if Davy could speak from the grave he would tell you to be brave for his sake—and as for the Laughing Mask—that unmitigated scoundrel and hypocrite isn't worth one of your tears."

The reply trembling on Margery's lips remained unspoken, for at that moment a young woman whose features were hidden by heavy folds of black veiling stepped out from behind a vine-covered trellis.

"You are doing the Laughing Mask a grave injustice, Enoch Golden," she cried in a clear and ringing voice, "and even now if you and your daughter will accompany me but a short distance I will place in your hands indisputable proof of what I say."

A suddenly reanimated Margery sprang to her feet. She turned to the unknown intruder and cried impetuously: "Can you really show that the Laughing Mask was innocent of all those terrible charges? If you can, please, please take us quickly to where you have the proof."

"Wait, Margery," cautioned the experience-saddened banker. "First let this veiled person tell us who she is and where she wants to take us. This may be one of Legar's tricks, for all we know."

"I am a well-wisher of the Laughing Mask. Beyond that I cannot disclose my identity," came the guarded reply. "I am unarmed and ask you to go only as far as the old barn on your own estate."

Still questioning the outcome of this dubious venture, the stern-faced millionaire finally yielded to Margery's earnest importuning, and, following the black-garbed figure of their swiftly moving guide, they presently stood before the dilapidated old building tottering on the brink of the ravine. At that moment a thick-set, flat-footed individual shuffled into view along the dusty road, the visor of his cap pulled low over his malevolent blue-jawed face and his beefy fists jerking uneasily as he walked. The woman in black turned to her companions, and, indicating this ungainly figure, spoke rapidly.

"I have every reason to believe that man has kept faith with me, and if I am right I shall be able in a few minutes to place in your hands the proof of which I spoke. But if there should be treachery I wish to face it alone. You will find that the harness room in the loft of the barn has a strong door with heavy bolts. Please wait for me there, and at the first sound of trouble, barricade yourself until help comes from the house."

"This sounds like a trap," returned the millionaire, with emphatic disapproval. "Come, Margery, come back to the house at once."

But Margery Golden proved to have a will of her own as well as a surprising faith in that mysterious defender of the Laughing Mask. Taking her father's arm she half coaxed, half led the protesting master of finance into the ramshackle old structure which bore little semblance to a citadel of defense.

So far everything had gone in accordance with the carefully laid plans of the muffled strategist, and with a feeling that victory was within her reach, she quickly approached Red Eagan, who was waiting near by with undisguised impatience.

"Sure, I got what yer lookin' fer, lady," he answered in reply to her look of interrogation, "but between them spirits an' a cramp in me mitt, I've had one 'ell of a night."

Reaching into an inner pocket Red Eagan drew out a grimy ink-splashed paper.

"This 'ere dockment will put th' bug on that iron claw gorilla all

right. Now, if yer ready t' come across wid—"

The gunman's words were suddenly clipped short by the sharp crack of a pistol. A look of surprised consternation came into Red Eagan's face—for a moment he swayed unsteadily on his feet—then slowly crumpled into a heap of inanimate clay. Into the startled vision of his companion came a black limousine furiously racing along the highway, the evil face of Legar plainly discernible as he leaned far out from the swaying vehicle, emptying his automatic in their direction. There was not a moment to lose. Snatching the crimson-stained paper from under the limp body of the slain gunman, the woman ran swiftly toward the old barn, reaching that sanctuary just as Legar and his confederates swarmed out of the limousine in hot pursuit. Through the sagging portals and up the rickety stairs she darted, the wolfish pack close at her heels. For a brief instant she surveyed her surroundings. Behind the heavy oaken door of the harness-room she knew Margery and her father had taken refuge in accordance with her instructions, and she must in no way jeopardize their safety.

Close by a broken window, overlooking the depths of the rocky gorge, stood a shabby old-fashioned trunk. It took but a moment for the harried fugitive to scramble into that ancient receptacle, but even as she lowered the cover Legar and his henchmen stormed up the narrow stairs. The quick eye of the master crook caught the movement of that closing trunk cover. Grinning with unholy exultation, he turned to his unsavory crew of followers.

"Take that trunk and throw it out the window," snarled Legar. "We've caged our bird all right, and when she hits those rocks she won't feel like meddling with my business for some time to come."

As he led his murderous band out of the old building toward the abruptly sloping wall of the ravine, the door of the harness room slowly opened and Enoch Golden stepped out, closely followed by his horror-stricken daughter.

"I could see plainly through that crack in the door," murmured the white-faced girl, "the poor woman tried to hide in a trunk and Legar had his men drop her from the window."

The distressed look in her eyes changed to one of sudden bewilderment. From out of the cobwebbed mouth of a grain chute, over which the trunk had been resting, appeared the head and shoulders of the veiled stranger. As she regained her footing on the rough boarded floor she drew from the inside of her black gown a crumpled and blood-stained paper. This she quietly handed to the startled girl.

"Here is the proof I promised you," were her low-toned words.

"But how did you escape from the trunk?" interrogated the still bewildered Margery. "Who are you? And why did you risk your life to clear the name of the Laughing Mask?"

The woman replied calmly.

"Half the bottom of the trunk was broken away and it was easy for me to slide through the opening into that grain chute. As to who I am, the time has come when I am ready to reveal my identity." The woman of mystery, with a quick movement, tore off her heavy veil and with it a wig of dark hair, disclosing a clean-cut and boyishly handsome face. An incredulous gasp of surprise burst from Margery's lips—"Davy!" she shrieked joyfully. "Oh, Davy, you have come back to us from the dead."

"Yes, I have come back to you," answered the resurrected Manley, "soon I will tell you the whole story, but now unless we are to fall into the clutches of Legar and his band of cutthroats we must leave this building at once."

A little later Manley sat on the white-pillared veranda relating his strange story to a group of listeners.

"I remember a terrible explosion," he said reflectively, "then the mausoleum came tumbling down about my ears like a house of cards. After that everything seemed to get dark, and about a week ago I came to my senses lying on a cot in a hospital. You must have mistaken some other poor beggar for me, and, while every one thought I was dead, it seemed like a good chance to catch Legar off his guard. I got the paper I wanted, but I guess I've stirred up a hornet's nest."

One of the listeners was a bull-necked individual with a reddish-brown complexion, wearing the uniform of a captain of police. He now shuffled his feet uneasily.

"That's all very interestin', young man," he broke in with an air of impatience, "but I've come all the way to this jumpin' off place from headquarters to get that Van Horn loot you say you lifted out of Legar's safe."

"I've got a couple of shoo fly cops from Jersey City workin' with me on this job and it's time we got down to business."

"All right, Captain Brackett," rejoined the smiling Davy as he rose to his feet, "we can get the stolen plate whenever you're ready. The stuff is down at the old barn hidden in one of the feed bins. We had Negus, the second man, mount guard over it with a rifle until you came."

As the group moved toward the steps of the veranda a stoop-shouldered old gardener pottering over a nearby tulip bed straightened his blue-overalled figure and touched his cap respectfully. His patriarchal beard, streaked with gray, almost covered his left arm, which he bore in a sling

improvised from a red bandanna handkerchief knotted over his shoulder.

"You can let that work go and come along with us," Golden replied, and as he caught sight of the stalwart figure of one of the undergrounders amid the shrubbery he added, reflectively, "and bring Peter with you. Fishing in the depths of a moldy bin, Davy drew out a heavily weighted gunny sack, which clanked musically to the ears of the russet-faced police captain."

"This is goin' to make some stir at headquarters," he gloated, tenderly replacing the yellow metal dinner set. "an' I've got a hunch that one-armed crook ain't so far off. We'll send the swag up to the house an' then beat every inch of the gully for this bunch of rattlesnakes."

This plan met with Golden's approval, and he turned to the old gardener who was standing with mouth agape. "Here, Tim," he ordered, "take Peter and Negus and get this bag up to the house. Tell Miss Margery I want it locked in the gunroom safe, and keep that safe guarded carefully until we get back."

It was with much dubious head-shaking that old Tim accepted this apparently unwelcome trust, and hobbled off in company with Peter, who bore the treasure sack on his shoulder, while the perturbed Negus trailed close behind with his rifle. As they reached the gravelled driveway swinging in a graceful half circle under the columned porte-cochere the head gardener stopped as though struck by a sudden thought.

"Be gorry!" he ejaculated, "th' master clane forgot he kapes that safe locked up entirely, nary a soul but himself knowin' th' combination—Nagus, be a good lad and run back an' ask him what'll we be doin' with th' sack."

Tim and his companion entered the house and made their way along highly polished floors to the gunroom at the further end of the imposing hall. Here they found Margery Golden, who listened with amused interest to the old Irishman's voluble description of the treasure.

"There was no necessity for sending Negus back," she exclaimed, "I know the combination of the safe quite as well as father."

A startling transformation suddenly took place in the person of old Tim. The stoop vanished from his back, and with a quick movement he freed his left arm, carried in a sling by his side. The next moment that left arm, bearing a heavy hook of wrought iron, crashed down upon the skull of the unsuspecting Peter.

With a panther-like spring the metamorphosed gardener was upon the bewildered girl bending over the safe, and again that cruel iron claw shot out, clutching her arm as in a vise. With a derisive laugh of triumph Legar tore off his false trappings, his thin lips gave a shrill, penetrating whistle. In response to this signal a faint shuffling noise came from the direction of the fireplace, and two of Legar's followers, with faces blackened likeimps of darkness, sprawled out. At a curt command from their grim-faced leader they quickly bound the shrinking girl, and, tying a handkerchief over her mouth, dragged her across the floor into the fireplace. Legar caught up the sack of disputed plunder, and, clawing his way up the ragged lining of the murky chimney flue, vanished.

Even as the quaint personality of old Tim merged into that viciously depraved character, Jules Legar, the baffled group of searchers returning to the old barn saw approaching them the rheumatic stooped figure of the old gardener who carried his left hand in a red bandanna sling.

"What does this mean, Tim?" Enoch Golden interrogated sternly. "I thought I told you to guard the safe until we returned."

"Faith an' I don't know phwat ye might be talkin' about, Misher Golden," rejoined the old man querulously, "th' new docture yer was after sendin' to look at me hand gave me a shlapin' powder to relave th' pain an' said 'twas yer orders to stay in me bed th' whole'."

Into the faces of his startled listeners flashed bewildered amazement, then they rushed with one accord toward the distant manor house. Davy was already throwing his slender weight against the bolted door of the gunroom and calling out words of encouragement to the gentle girl he believed was in that room. The strong-armed police captain, seizing a medieval battle ax which ornamented the wall, smashed in the locked door with a couple of well-directed blows. The men stormed across the threshold of the gunroom, then stopped short in blank surprise. The windows were shut and fastened from the inside, the limp and sprawling Peter lay where he had been dropped in his tracks, but of Margery Golden and the burlap sack there was no trace.

It was Davy who, eagerly circling the room, picked up by the fireplace a dainty square of filmy lace, and recognized it as that same handkerchief which a little earlier had fluttered its friendly message to him from Margery's hand as she stood on the veranda. His quick eye noted the marks of grimy fingers on the woodwork and the layer of dislodged soot coating the brick flooring of the fireplace. The next moment he dived into the gloomy throat of the chimney and gained a narrow ledge formed by the junction of the gunroom chimney with one leading to another wing of the house.

Cautiously peering about for some sign of his unseen foe, Davy caught a brief glance of a swaying shadowy figure perched high above him. Then

with a muffled oath, that cowering figure came avalanching down the chimney, and landing on the narrow ledge, gripped at Davy as a drowning man clutches a floating bit of wreckage.

The interlocked antagonists hurtled headlong down the shaft into the fireplace of the gunroom. It was due to the fact that Legar's picked assassin had landed underneath, and broken the force of Davy's fall, that the badly shaken secretary owed his life. At that instant a volley of staccato reports, like those of a galling gun going into action smote their ears.

"They've stolen the Mercury," cried the frantic millionaire, "and if they've stopped to put the Arrow out of commission they can show a clean pair of heels to anything on the lake."

To Enoch Golden's intense relief, the machinery of the high-powered Arrow had not been tampered with and soon the chase was on.

The delicate mechanism of the Mercury revolted at the unskilled handling of her clumsy-fingered engineer. She began to miss badly, while her speed perceptibly diminished. Legar caught up his glasses and for a moment intently studied the on-coming Arrow, which was evidently gaining.

Then, with a quick twist of the steering wheel, he sent the racing power boat heading directly for the nearest shore. Even as her sharp prow grated over the shelving beach Legar and his villainous crew swarmed over the side, carrying the fettered girl and the burlap sack with them. They scrambled hastily up the embankment of the railroad track skirting the lake, just as the enraged father of the abducted girl beached the pulsating Arrow and sprang hastily ashore.

Hampered by his captive and the heavy sack of loot, the master schemer realized he could not hope to outstrip his opponents by ordinary methods of flight. But the evil genius of the man was equal to the occasion. At a little distance down the track a dozen Italian laborers were busy repairing the roadbed, under the supervision of a burly Irish foreman. The handcar on which these men went to and from their work had been set off to one side of the track near where Legar was standing.

"Get that handcar back on the rails and be quick about it," came his sharp command to the men. With his burden he leaped aboard and was laughing at his pursuers as he raced away.

Just then an automobile of ancient vintage, driven by a stupid rustic, came wheeling up the highway, which paralleled the railroad.

"We want to catch a handcar that just went up the track!" shouted Golden. "I will pay you \$100 to help us."

Legar had congratulated himself too soon on the ease of his escape. As the handcar started toiling up a long, gradual grade, he looked back and saw the automobile loaded with armed men in hot pursuit. But he checked his muttered oath as the sputtering car struck the hill, slowed down and finally came to a dead stop. The heavy load had proved too much for the time-worn engine. Legar could see his opponents getting out of the balky automobile, which, relieved of its burden, started crawling up the hill, with its passengers hurrying behind it.

Then the handcar reached the crest of the rise and went rapidly coasting down the incline on the other side. But Legar knew that eventually he must be overtaken. Human sinews could not prevail against the power-driven vehicles of his enemies.

At that moment there beat in upon his ears the long-drawn screech of a locomotive whistling for a crossing. With a look of fiendish hate, Legar stooped and lifted Margery Golden from the rough flooring of the jolting handcar and dropped her between the glistening rails.

In a breathing space his victim would be ground to death beneath the ponderous driving wheels of the engine rushing down upon her. But in that breathing space an incomprehensible thing took place.

At some distance beyond the foot of the incline the rails, sweeping in a wide curve, around a bend in the road were lost to sight. It so happened that just around this bend the switching apparatus used to throw freight trains on to a siding was undergoing certain repairs at the hands of a blue jeans track walker. This man, all unconscious of threatening tragedy, had finished his labors and was wiping his grimy hands on a piece of cotton waste. Suddenly he became conscious of a motionless figure standing beside him.

As he glanced up he saw the stranger's face was covered by a mask, slit by a grotesquely laughing mouth. Without a word this strange figure bent and grasped the long lever controlling the switch and the train rolled onto the siding.

The half-conscious girl felt herself lifted by tender arms and laid on a soft bed of grass. A hazy figure bent over her, cutting away the cruelly biting thongs and gently chafing her wrists. Then she felt a kiss imprinted on her aching hand, but when she opened her eyes the stranger was gone. In his place came the figures of her tortured father, the anxious Davy and the solemn-faced police captain.

"What you say is impossible," Enoch Golden said soothingly. "The man is dead."

"But it was the Laughing Mask, I tell you," Margery wearily answered. "I saw him plainly, and besides, he kissed my hand before he went away."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Died of Premature Old Age!

(BY V. M. PIERCE, M. D.)

How many times we hear of comparatively young persons passing away when they should have lived to be 70 or 80 years of age. This fatal work is usually attributed to the kidneys, as, when the kidneys degenerate, it causes auto-intoxication. The more injurious the poisons passing thru the kidneys, the quicker will those noble organs be degenerated, and the sooner they decay. To prevent premature old age and promote long life, lighten the work of the kidneys by drinking plenty of pure water all day long, and occasionally taking Anuric (double strength) before meals. This can be obtained at drug stores. Anuric will overcome such conditions as rheumatism, dropsical swellings, cold extremities, scalding and burning urine and sleeplessness due to constant arising.

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GOVERNOR GETS POWER BY VOTE

AUTHORITY GIVEN TO STANLEY TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF STATE TAX COMMISSION.

SENATE'S O. K. UNNECESSARY

Antis Succeed in Cutting Salaries to \$3,600, After Close Vote of 48 to 77—Amendment Is Offered By Kaufman, of Garrard County.

(Special Frankfort Correspondence.) Frankfort.—The governor has been given the authority to appoint the members of the Tax Commission without the approval of the Senate.

Apparently the antis put one across when they succeeded in reducing the salaries to be paid the commissioners to be appointed by the governor, although the salaries were reduced from \$4,000 to \$3,600, only \$400. This was equally as pointed a defeat for the antis, as they wished the salaries cut to \$2,000. The antis only made this slight reduction in salaries by a nose. I was by a vote of 47 to 47 that the amendment, offered by Representative Kaufman, of Garrard county, reducing the salaries, was adopted. The amendment offered by T. R. Jones, of Calloway, permitting the auditor \$600 additional for his services on the commission, was adopted.

The appropriation for the commission was in close quarters when, after Representative Oliver had declared that it would accept an amendment reducing the appropriation to \$15,000, Kaufman's amendment, fixing it at \$12,000, received a tie vote, and Speaker Duffy voted "No," defeating it. The House adopted Representative White's amendment, fixing the appropriation at \$15,000.

By a close vote the House had defeated an amendment offered by Representative Minor, of Boyle county, making it \$10,000, and had defeated an amendment, offered by Representative Stone, of Crittenden, making the appropriation \$8,000 and the secretary's salary \$1,500, instead of \$2,000.

Efforts to change the secretary's salary failed, the proposals ranging from \$1,800 to \$5,000.

Three sections of the Oliver bill were adopted, unamended, with the exception of the amendment offered by Representative Jones and accepted by Representative Oliver.

An effort to amend Section 2 of the bill, in order that the Senate would have to approve the appointments of two members of the Tax Commission to be made by Gov. Stanley, was made by Representative Roach and met with defeat, the House rejecting it, 31 to 63.

The House voted down the amendment to Section 3, offered by Representative Harvey, the purpose of which was to take away from the governor the right to remove the commissioners for neglect of duty, pernicious political activity or malfeasance in office. His amendment provided that charges filed against a commissioner must be done in the Franklin Circuit Court, which would have jurisdiction. His amendment was lost, 23 to 70.

Representative Oliver introduced a bill providing a referendum on acts of the General Assembly where property is classified for taxation. The measure is an enabling act. It provides that 5 per cent of the voters, by petition to the secretary of state, may demand a referendum vote on all acts of the General Assembly classifying property and providing for a lower rate on personal property, tangible or intangible, than on real estate.

Legitimacy of Meade Upheld.

The legitimacy of children born out of wedlock, but whose parents afterward married, although one or both the parents were married at the time of birth, was upheld by the court of appeals in an opinion by Judge Carroll, reversing the Letcher circuit court in the case of T. G. Bates against Riley Meade. The question arose over the division of the property of W. D. Meade.

Samp Smith deserted his wife in 1875. Six years later, after the birth of two sons by Meade, Mrs. Smith, believing her husband dead, married Meade, who always had recognized the two boys as his sons. Three other children were born to them in wedlock, and after the death of Meade the right of the two older boys to share in the estate was questioned, first on the ground that the statute legitimizing children born out of wedlock to parents who recognized them and afterward married, did not apply where either of the parents was married to another person when they were born, and, secondly, on the ground that the marriage of Meade and Mrs. Smith was void because there was no proof that Smith was dead.

Counties Must Retain Roads.

Commissioner of Roads Rodman Wiley again is calling the attention of fiscal courts to the opinion of the Attorney General, that if counties do not maintain roads constructed under state aid the commissioner may withdraw further aid from them until the roads are put in proper condition, and stated that he will exercise this authority. He also is calling the attention of road engineers that they must hold road meetings in each magisterial district between February 20 and March 30 each year.

Would Make Auditor Chairman. Representative A. J. Oliver, of Scottsville, a Republican member of the State Tax Commission, accepted the amendment of Representative T. R. Jones, of Calloway, a Democrat, to the Oliver bill, under consideration by the house of representatives. The Oliver bill, as drawn by the State Tax Commission, provided that the Governor should appoint three members to comprise the State Tax Commission. The Jones amendment provides that the State Auditor shall be chairman of the commission and the Governor shall appoint a Democrat and a Republican as members of the commission.

Representative John Roach, of Mayfield, a Democrat, has offered as a substitute for the Oliver bill, and its amendments a bill providing that the State Tax Commission shall comprise the State Auditor, State Treasurer and Secretary of State, who shall appoint an expert on revenue and taxation to enforce the tax laws of the state. The Roach substitute was under consideration when the house adjourned.

One of the most drastic bills ever offered to a Kentucky legislature was introduced by Representative Frank Greene, of Carrollton. This measure makes it unlawful for the members and employees of the various state commissions and boards to attempt to influence any of the members of the General Assembly to vote for or against any legislation pending before the General Assembly relating to revenue and taxation. It provides that it shall be unlawful for the Governor of Kentucky to commute sentences of persons confined in the penitentiary, or issue pardons, or for the Board of Prison Commissioners to issue paroles to persons at the request of members of the General Assembly 90 days before any session of the legislature is called at which revenue and taxation is to be considered. Violators of the bill are subject to a fine of not less than \$10, nor more than \$500.

Opening the debate for his substitute, Representative Roach said that the Oliver bill created another highly paid commission. He referred to the fact that on the stump and in the press in the last state campaign the Democratic speakers and candidates for office promised the voters they would abolish offices.

Under the Jones amendment, Representative Greene said, all of the patronage was lodged in the hands of the Governor, the same as in the Oliver bill. There now are more people on the salary roll of the state, Mr. Greene declared, than on the Confederate pension roll.

A bill was introduced by Representative Stone fixing a tax of eight cents a gallon on rectified whisky and six cents a gallon on all neutral spirits, beer and fermented wine manufactured in the state.

New Order Welcome.

The order of the War Department, as contained in Washington dispatches providing for the location of platoons of a National Guard company in different towns, if necessary, has not reached Adjutant General Ellis' office, but the news was welcome, as it will be the salvation of the Second Kentucky, at least, and probably several units of the Third. The companies of the First are stationed in more populous centers. Many of the companies of the Second are stationed in mountain hamlets. Their minimum strength of forty-five men under the old law was to a great extent on paper. The men are scattered in homes miles apart over the mountains. The national defense act requires an actual strength of sixty-five men and regular drills. These smaller towns could not support such a company, but the order constituting a platoon under one commissioned officer the minimum complement for a station is expected to solve the difficulty.

Contract for Tags Let.

The National Colortype Company, of Newport, was awarded the contract by the state to furnish the automobile and motorcycle tags for 1918 over four competitors. The bids were: National Colortype Company, Newport, auto tags, 21½ cents; motorcycle tags, 7 cents.

New York Metal Sign Company, auto tags, 22 cents; motorcycle tags, 10½ cents.

Scioto Sign Company, Canton, O., auto tags, 23 cents; motorcycle tags, 9 cents.

S. G. Adams Stamp & Stationery Company, St. Louis, auto tags, 23 cents; motorcycle tags, 12 cents.

Grim Stamp & Badge Company, St. Louis, auto tags, 23 9-10 cents, motorcycle tags, 11 cents.

Board Meets Soon.

The state board of equalization will reconvene soon to begin the equalization of the county tax returns. Several counties have not reported and their delay is interfering with the work of the board.

Enters Guilty Plea.

Samuel Chambers, Lexington, entered a plea of guilty to breaking open a mail pouch.

Requisition Honored.

Governor Stanley honored a requisition for the extradition of Leo Shotwell, wanted at Bridgeport, Neb., it is said, on a charge of forgery. The governor issued a requisition for the extradition from Chicago of William, alias Brutus, Trice, charged in Mc Cracken county with seduction.

Seventeen Indicted.

Four men were indicted on charges of moonshining and thirteen for alleged bootlegging by the federal grand jury.

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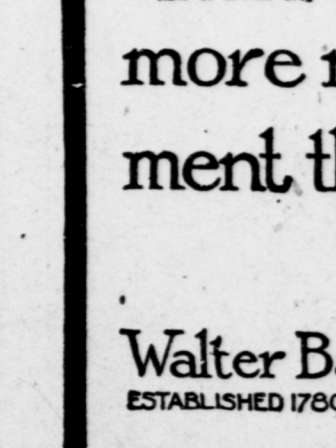
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Magistrate Sowder's Reply.

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paring the Treasurer's settlement with the Clerk's voucher book it can then be known what number of vouchers are outstanding and unpaid. However, I can state positively that at present this county is in debt not less than \$15,000.00, and here are some of the items composing this indebtedness:

Unpaid vouchers held by	The Bank of Mt. Vernon...	\$5 771.44
"	" Peoples Bank.....	3,685.10
"	" S. D. Lewis.....	929.00
"	" Dr. Lee Chesnut	120.00
"	" Wm. Poynter	900.00
General Road Fund indebtedness to the Bond Issue Fund, as shown by report of County Judge and Road Engineer, in the Signal, Feb. 23		3,123.76
Deficit in the General Road Fund, for 1916		1,200.00
		\$15,732.00

But there are many outstanding claims that cannot be known until the Treasurer makes his settlement for 1916. And there are many outstanding claims that I have not mentioned, and the taxpayers can find out about them by inquiring of their neighbors whether they are holding unpaid claims against the county.

The County Judge and the Magistrates who are assuming the responsibility of the indebtedness of the county, claim that I am responsible with them. I deny this charge. They say I was present and voted on all appropriations. The other Magistrates may assume the responsibility for the allowances I am going to mention, but I will not. These claims, as the records show, were allowed by the County Judge alone. I deny being responsible for amounts shown on

Order Book No. 2, page 24,	\$332.16
" " " " 25,	580.55
" " " " 27,	26.05
" " " " 33,	94.90
" " " " 34,	136.15
" " " " 38,	403.75
" " " " 39,	20.40
" " " " 41,	358.10
" " " " 43,	473.57
" " " " 81,	534.70
" " " " 89,	2.25
" " " " 98,	70.04
" " " " 100,	239.42
" " " " 106,	333.68
" " " " 107,	246.66
" " " " 112,	411.61
" " " " 117,	212.71
" " " " 118,	1,208.98
" " " " 119,	1.00
" " " " 125,	245.81
" " " " 127,	166.75
	\$6,099.24

Neither am I responsible for the following claims allowed:

Order Book No. 2, page 44,	\$ 447.15
" " " " 45,	544.31
" " " " 46,	977.62
" " " " 47,	1,930.90
" " " " 48,	241.92
" " " " 49,	818.80
" " " " 94,	120.00
" " " " 95,	368.19
" " " " 99,	258.00
	\$5,706.89

Neither am I responsible for the illegal appropriation of \$3,126.76 of the bond issue money to buy rights-of-way, build fences, and buy road tools for the county. Nor am I responsible for at least one-third of allowance that can be found on the General Road Order Book. I am not responsible for the personal expenses of the County Judge, as shown by the statement of "Bond Issue Road Fund" published in the Mt. Vernon Signal, February 23, 1917, amounting to \$159.35. I am not responsible for the item of inspection by Fiscal Court, as shown in said statement, amounting to \$95.00. It is the duty of the Road Engineer, paid by the County, and State Inspector, paid by the State and County to do this work. I am not responsible for the management of the turnpike building, except what was built under contract, because the County Judge and the then Road Engineer took this matter in their own hands, employed their own men and selected their own foreman, and paid out the money without consulting me as a member of the Fiscal Court. I am not responsible for the bond issue money being used to pay certain pets \$3.50 per day for their teams when others were working right along beside them for \$3.00. I am not responsible for the money being expended for rights of way, because it was the understanding, and the court so ordered that no rights of way should be purchased by the County out of the bond money or any other fund, and unless the rights of way were secured by people living on the proposed route the pike would not be built.

I promised you in my announcement that from time to time, I would give you facts that would support me in my claims, and a few weeks ago, after the County Judge and Magistrates had attacked me, I promised you I would give you figures to verify the statement I had made in my announcement, and I feel satisfied that after you have read the statement in full you will feel that I have fully kept my promise.

Sincerely yours,
WM. SOWDERChildren Cry
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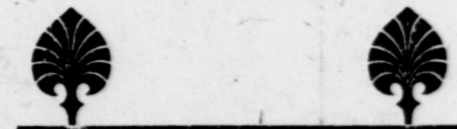
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